OBITUARIES

Willie W. O'Brien

GLADSTONE - Willie Williams O'Brien, 72, of Rt. 1, Gladstone, died Thursday morning in the UVA Hospital in Charlottesville.

He was born in Amherst County, a son of the late Dillard O'Brien and Mammie Williams O'Briend. He was a member of St. James United Methodist Church and was a retired general foreman with the C&O Railroad.

He is survived by his wife, Irene Woody O'Brien; six sons, Ernest O'Brien, Willie H. O'Brien, both of Gladstone, Aubrey W. O'Brien and Malcolm L. O'Brien and Joseph D. O'Brien, all of Amherst, and David W. O'Brien of Vero Beach, Fla.; three daughters, Mrs. Nathan Gowen of Lynchburg, Mrs. Peyton Watts and Mrs. Clay Horsley, both of Gladstone; three sisters, Mrs. Charles Richeson and Mrs. Annie Watts, both of Amherst, and Mrs. Gladys Howell of Richmond, 25 grandchildren and 22 great - grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday in Driskill's Funeral Chapel in Amherst County.

Leslie D. Carson

Leslie Dillard Carson, 76, of Rt. 1, Waterlick Road, Forest, died at 12:20 p.m. Friday at Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Born in Appomattox, he was a son of the late Thomas Franklin and Laura Carroll Carson. He was a member of Timberlake United Methodist Church and was a retired carpenter for the W. T. Jones Construction Co.

He is survived by his wife, Annie Templeton Carson; three sons, Milton D. Raleigh A. and Franklin D. Carson, all of Lynchburg; two daughters, Mrs. Thomas W. Stewart of Lynchburg and Mrs. Murrell Routon of Gretna; two brothers, T. Adrian and Allen W. Carson, both of Lynchburg; two sisters, Mrs. Martin B. Miller and Mrs. Victor J. Duplin, Jr., both of Lynchburg, 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Monday from the Whitten Park Avenue Chapel. Interment was in the Virginia Memorial Park.

Mrs. Walter T. Jordan

CONCORD - Ebeth Ford Jordan, 77, of Rt. 1, Concord, died at 10 p.m. Friday in Lynchburg General Hospital. She was the wife of Walter T. Jordan.

Born in Appomattox County, she was a daughter of the late Thomas Harvey Ford and Evie May Marshall Ford. She was a member of Central Baptist Church, where she formerly taught a Sunday School class for women.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by one son, Howard R. Jordan of Rocky Mount, N.C.; one daughter, Mrs. Evelyn J. Torrence of Concord; three sisters, Mrs. Fettie Laughlin, Mrs. Evie Ewers and Mrs. Bernice Pankey, all of Lynchburg, seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in Central Baptist Church, with burial in the church cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Jake S. Woodson

Jake S. Woodson, 72, died at his residence in Rice Thursday, Nov. 24, 1977.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nannie C. Woodson; one son, Guy Randolph Woodson, both of Rice; two daughters, Mrs. Phoebe Joly of Chesterfield and Mrs. Mary W. Stone of Madison Heights; one brother, T. E. Woodson, three sisters, Miss Janie Woodson, Mrs. Mattie W. Austin and Mrs. Lena W. Bagby, all of Appomattox, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in New Hope Baptist Church in Appomattox with interment in the church in Appomattox County with interment in the church cemetery.

Shorter Funeral Home in Farmville was in charge of arrangements.

John A. Webber

BROOKNEAL - John A. Webber, 75, of Williams Street, Brookneal, died Sunday night in Lynchburg General Hospital.

Born in Bedford County on April 14, 1902, he was a son of the late Arthur Sidney Webber and Rhoda Thomas Webber. He was a member of Brookneal Presbyterian Church, an Army veteran and a retired steam fitter.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Eunice Markham Webber; three sons, John Marvin Webber of Rustburg, Lowell Keith Webber of Appomattox and Brent Webber of Brookneal; two brothers, Griffin Webber of Roanoke and Henry Webber of Virginia Beach; four sisters, Mrs. Florence Mason of Roanoke, Mrs. Pearl Bolton of Virginia Beach, Mrs. Geneva Beardsley of San Francisco, Calif., and Mrs. Nell Stacy of San Diego, Calif., and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Henderson Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Wickliffe Cemetery, Brookneal.

Josephine W. Hylton

Mrs. Gordon H. Bragg of Appomattox, was notified Thursday, Nov. 24, 1977 of the death of her sister, Mrs. Josephine Wirt Hylton of Hopewell.

Mrs. Ernest D. Rhodes

Sallie Ogden Rhodes, 87, died Saturday morning in Martinsville. She was a former resident of 227 Cleveland Ave.

She was born in Amherst County, a daughter of Silas D. and Dolly Davis Ogden. Her husband was the late Ernest D. Rhodes and she was a member of Court Street United Methodist Church.

She is survived by one son, Ernest D. Rhodes Jr. of Concord; two daughters, Lois L. Rhodes of Norfolk and Mrs. Polly Chase of Alexandria, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Graveside services were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday at Fort Hill Memorial Park.

Diuguid Funeral Home, Lynchburg, was in charge of arrangements.

Miss Lucy Jane O'Brien

Miss Lucy Jane O'Brien died at 5:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 30, 1977 at the Keysville Home for Adults.

Born in Appomattox County, she was the daughter and the last member of the family of the late Robert Alexandria O'Brien and Mildred Conner O'Brien.

Formerly she was a member of the New Hope Baptist Church, prior to moving to Lynchburg.

She is survived by a number of nieces and nephews.

The family will be at the Red Knoll Farm, the old O'Brien home in Appomattox County.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, December 2, 1977 at the Robinson Funeral Home in Appomattox at 11:00 a m Rev. Clarence Davis, pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church, assisted by the Rev. Omar Burnette will conduct the funeral service. Interment will be in the O'Brien family cemetery.

Charlie Shorter, Sr.

Charlie Russell Shorter Sr., 72, died at his residence in Farmville on Monday.

He is survived by his wife, Ella DeFord Shorter of Farmville; one son, Charles R. Shorter Jr. of Farmville; three daughters Mrs. Mary S. Lee of Brookneal and Mrs. Kathleen Kress and Mrs. Ann S. Covington both of Pamplin, two sisters, Mrs. Russell Pugh and Mrs. Merkland Pugh, both of Charlotte Court House.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday in the chapel of the Shorter Funeral Home, Farmville with interment in Madisonville Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

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Nice to know that Mrs. Jeanette Balthaser is getting along nicely since surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mann and family spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mann. Supper guests in this home on Friday were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mann and family, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Mann and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Mann and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Mann.

Mrs. Bruce Perry, Sandy and Pam and Mrs. Brown of Lynchburg visited Mrs. Mae Reynolds on Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nash had her family for Thanksgiving Dinner. Those for lunch on Thursday were: Mr. and Mrs. Winifred Nash, and Wendy; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Layne and Missy; Mr. and Mrs. David Carson and Susan; Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Nash, Mr. Herman Guill, Mr. and Mrs. Clarnece Gobble, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Waddell and family; and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Waddell and family.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Nash and Dawn were: Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Nash and Tina; Mr. and Mrs. George D. Nash and family, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Mann and boys, Mr. Harmon Jennings, Mrs. Eleanor Gibson, Jennifer Nash and Leslie Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lively and family and Mr. and Mrs. E. Zimmerman and family spent the holidays visiting relatives in West Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Goggin and girls visited relatives in Richmond during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones visited Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Jones Sunday night.

Miss Holly Franklin visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mullins Thursday.

Mr. DeWitt Harvey has returned home from the hospital and is improving nicely. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Skinny Wooldridge visited Mr. and Mrs. Emery Mullins Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ferguson spent the week-end with Mrs. Laura Ferguson.

Mrs. Elliott Nash and Dawn Kerr visited Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Howard and family on Monday night.

YOUNG HOMEMAKERS HOLD MEETING

The Appomattox Chapter of Young Homemakers met Novembe 15, 1977. The meeting opened with devotions from Brenda Drinkard. Joan Holt , President, presided over the meeting. It was decided to give $10.00 to the Virgina Young Homemakers Scholarship Fund. We also discussed having a joint Christmas dinner with the Young Farmers as our December meeting. Details will be worked out between the advisors and members will be notified of time and place.

Mrs. Shirley Walton and Miss Claudette Smith from the Appomattox Extension Service Office were our special guests. They showed the members numerous Christmas decorations. Other Christmas decorations were also shown by Mrs. Kathy Nash and Mrs. Brenda Drinkard.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Joan Holt and Mrs. Brenda Drinkard.

Members, Mrs. Joan Holt, Mrs. Brenda Drinkard and Mrs. Sue Waddell and advisors Mrs. Clara Staten attended the Area Conference of Young Homemakers held at the Holiday Inn in Lynchburg on Nov. 16. Mrs. Brenda Drinkard was elected as area Historian-Reporter. Our special speaker was Mrs. Shirley Walton who was presented with Honorary Young Homemaker Award. We extend our congratulations to her on this achievement.

LEE CLUB TO MEET

The Lee Club will meet on Wednesday, December 7, 1977 at 11:00 a.m. with Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Caldwell for a covered dish luncheon. Bring items for baskets also gifts to exchange.

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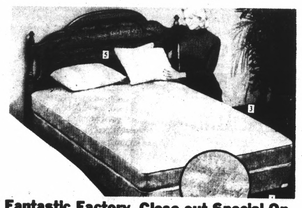

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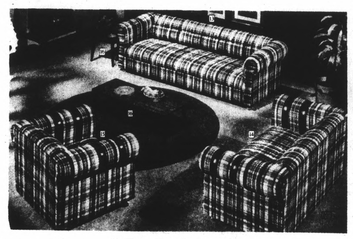

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A Gem Of A Guy!

In by-gone days, way back THEN, there was courage, exhibited by many people in many ways. There is courage today. Won't you join me as we take a closer look at courage NOW?

There is a young man that I have known for quite some time that could very easily be compared to a diamond. A diamond? I can just hear the chuckles as you say to yourself, "Ridiculous! Utterly absurd! How can one possibly compare a young man to a rare gem?" Wait, if you will, let me continue - -

We treasure a diamond because it is a rare gem; this young man is indeed rare, truly one of a kind. A diamond is hard, tough, doesn't break easily under pressure. So is this fellow! Had he not been, he would not have fooled the doctors again and again when they were anything but encouraging in their predictions after careful evaluation following checkups.

A diamond has many facets; each individual facet captures the light and beauty surrounding it and reflects it. This young man, of whom I write, has a multi-faceted personality. With a variety of interests and handicrafts in which he is highly skilled, he sees and enjoys so much aorund him that the average person overlooks. He sees - - enjoys - - appreciates and then like a sparkling gem, reflects that beauty and joy to those around him.

David Wayne Bryant, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Bryant, (Bobby and Mary Frances) was born on September 21, 1959. He was welcomed home from the hospital by an older brother, Robert Bryant, Jr., "Butch", and an older sister, Brenda Faye Bryant.

David's stay at home was brief, for just three short weeks later he was readmitted to the hospital. It was not until two and a half years later that the doctors found the problems. His parents were told that David was ill with a kidney disease that had been present since birth. His condition is such that he is not a candidate for kidney transplant.

Little did David Bryant think during those years he was constantly in and out of the hospitals, that he would finish high school. In June of 1977, not only did he graduate, but he was named Super Senior of 1977 and when the senior class left on their trip to Atlanta, Ga., David was among them!

With more than thirty admissions to the Virginia Baptist Hospital (David calls it his second home!) and numerous other stays in the Lynchburg General Hospital, and hospitals in Duke University and the University of Virginia, you would think David had little time for anything else. You couldn't be more wrong! He has packed more good, full-of-fun living in his young life than most people do in an entire lifetime.

David is known by the people of Appomattox County and the surrounding areas for his courage, his 'tough, never-give-up determination. Like a diamond, the real David isn't even scratched by what others might deem insurmountable physical problems.

I wonder how many of you know the David that I have come to know? The boy, full of mischief, pulling pranks, both a delight and a headache to his parents!

Going to Lynchburg to the doctors for check-ups are as much a part of David's way of life as breathing. This doesn't mean that he didn't sometimes rebel.

One day when David was just a little fellow, he was outside playing when it was getting time to come inside and have a bath for the trip. Soon his mother, Mary Frances, appeared at the door calling him to come inside. David, absorbed in play, didn't respond. Again Mary Frances called - - - no answer. Finally in complete exasperation, Mary Frances went outside calling, "David, have you forgotten that you have an appointment with the doctors today?" That did it!

Hurrying to the house, David's face showed his displeasure. Once inside, he turned to Mary Frances and said, "Mama, don't you ever, not ever, say anything about my going to the doctor in front of my friends again. They might somehow get the idea that I am sick! Just say that I am going to see Frank and Joe." Frank is Dr. Frank Buck and Joe is Dr. Joe Mathias, two of the doctors who take care of David.

Bobby, David's father, fixed up a room in the basement for David and his teacher to use as a classroom. Before that, when he was able, David would go to the home of one of his teachers, Mrs. Jenny McAden, just a short way up the street for his classes.

One day David was late getting home from school; Mary Frances thought he had had plenty of time and called Mrs. McAden, asking her to hurry David on his way. Laughingly, Mrs. McAden said, "He's on his way; the little rascal, I sent him home! Do you know what he did? After we had finished classes he made up a little rhyme. It went like this, 'School's out, school's out, teacher wore her bloomers out!' Wonder what kind of grade David received that day?

Most average American boys, at one time or another, experience a period of wanting to run away from home, or even actually doing so, however brief the adventure. David Bryant was no different.

When he was about eight years of age, David, accompanied by a friend of about the same age, decided that they had just about had it! It seemed to be exactly the right time to break the ties with home. With a few clothes packed, they left, however they didn't go very far. It was in the vicinity of Martin Webb's home right here in town that they found a hiding place.

Later, when they were safely back home, (it was a brief excursion!), they discussed what they had planned. It was decided that each boy would sneak back into his house (when no one was looking) and "help themselves" to enough money for food, getting only small sums at a time, it wasn't really stealing, the boys reasoned, after all they were entitled to board, were they not? When they had the food money, they would sneak into Bessie's Restaurant for some of her good home-style cooking and in this way they wouldn't miss Mama's cooking quite so much. I don't know whether they went home on their own or were rounded up by their parents, but never let it be said that David Bryant and friend didn't give it a try!

There are a lot of things that David tried and DID! Some things for which he should be highly praised and others - - - well, why don't you join me next week and see just what he did do?

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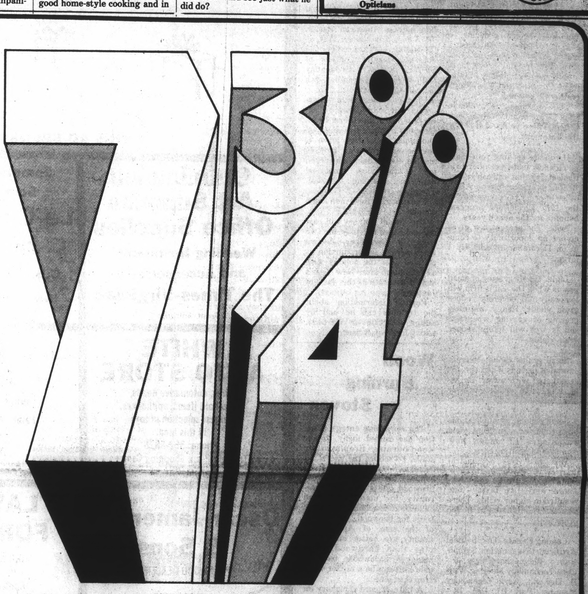

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